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# Cabinet meeting: 6 November 2023

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet on 6 November 2023.

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## Present

- Rt. Hon. Mark Drakeford MS (Chair)
  - Rebecca Evans MS
  - Vaughan Gething MS
  - Lesley Griffiths MS
  - Jane Hutt MS
  - Julie James MS
  - Jeremy Miles MS
  - Eluned Morgan MS
  - Mick Antoniw MS
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- Hannah Blythyn MS
  - Dawn Bowden MS
  - Julie Morgan MS
  - Lynne Neagle MS
  - Lee Waters MS

## Officials

- Andrew Goodall, Permanent Secretary
- Des Clifford, Director Office of the First Minister
- Rebecca Dunn, Head of Cabinet Division
- Toby Mason, Head of Strategic Communications
- Rory Powell, Head of First Minister's Office
- Jane Runeckles, Special Adviser
- Madeleine Brindley, Special Adviser
- Alex Bevan, Special Adviser
- Daniel Butler, Special Adviser
- Ian Butler, Special Adviser

- Kate Edmunds, Special Adviser
- Sara Faye, Special Adviser
- Sam Hadley, Special Adviser
- David Hooson, Special Adviser
- Clare Jenkins, Special Adviser
- Owen John, Special Adviser
- Phillipa Marsden, Special Adviser
- Tom Woodward, Special Adviser
- Christopher W Morgan, Head of Cabinet Secretariat (minutes)
- Damian Roche, Cabinet Secretariat
- Catrin Sully, Cabinet Office
- Kathryn Hallett, First Minister's Office
- Helena Bird, Permanent Secretary's Office
- Helen Lentle, Director Legal Services
- Tracey Burke, Director General Climate Change & Rural Affairs
- Jo-anne Daniels, Director General, Education Social Justice & Welsh Language
- Reg Kilpatrick, Director General, Covid Recovery and Local Government
- Tim Moss, Chief Operating Officer
- Judtih Paget, Director General Health and Social Services
- Andrew Slade, Director General, Economy, Treasury and Constitution

## **Item 1: minutes of the previous meeting**

1.1 Cymeradwydd y Cabinet gofnodion y 23 a 26 Hydref / Cabinet approved the minutes of 23 and 26 October.

## Item 2: First Minister's Items

### Meeting with the Palestinian Ambassador

2.1 The First Minister advised Cabinet that he had a constructive meeting with His Excellency Dr Husam Zomlot, the Head of The Palestine Mission to the UK, the previous Friday.

### Tata Steel

2.2 The First Minister invited the Minister for Economy to provide Cabinet with an update on the recent news about the Tata Steel works at Port Talbot. The Company had briefed Trade Unions and management the previous week that a decision was imminent on ending blast furnace operations at the works before the end of the financial year, which would have resulted in around 3,000 redundancies and more job losses in the supply chains.

2.3 However, the board meeting, where the decision was due to be taken, ended with no official confirmation from the group, which had now created a great deal of uncertainty for the workforce.

2.4 It was noted that the First Minister and the Minister for Economy would be meeting Tata Steel the following morning, with the Minister scheduled to make a statement to Plenary that afternoon.

## Item 3: Senedd business

3.1 Cabinet considered the Plenary Grid and noted that voting time was scheduled for 5.50pm on Tuesday tomorrow and 6.25pm on Wednesday.

Cabinet Secretariat  
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